

Department of Public Health
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Section:
NONFINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

TANF CASH ASSISTANCE

Subject:
Third Party Liability/Health Insurance
Premium Payment System
(TPL/HIPPS)

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References: ARM 37.78.102 and .206

GENERAL RULE-- **As a condition of eligibility** for TANF cash assistance, all filing units must cooperate with the Third Party Liability (TPL) Unit for both TPL and the Health Insurance Premium Payment System (HIPPS).

DEFINITIONS

Third Party Liability (TPL): The legal liability of a third party to pay for services provided. Third party means any individual, entity or program that is or may be liable to pay all or part of the expenditures for medical assistance.

One aspect of TPL is the Trauma Questionnaire. When the TPL Unit sends a questionnaire regarding a specific injury to a Medicaid household, the caretaker relative must complete the questionnaire and return it to the TPL Unit within the specified timeframe. If the questionnaire is not received within the timeframe, and the TPL Unit notifies the county OPA, the household will lose TANF cash assistance eligibility until such time as the TPL Unit receives the completed questionnaire.

Health Insurance Premium Payment System (HIPPS): Payment of cost-effective individual or group health plan premiums as a Medicaid benefit.

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Medicaid will pay the group plan premiums or reimburse the recipient when the TPL Unit determines it is a cost-effective plan. When an ineligible family member must be enrolled in the group health plan to obtain coverage for the Medicaid eligible member (e.g., parent must be enrolled in order to enroll the child), Medicaid may also pay premiums for the ineligible family member.

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NOTE: **Maintaining cost effective health insurance is a basic eligibility requirement for TANF.** If group health insurance was determined to be cost-effective and the individual either dropped the coverage or failed to enroll, the TANF case will be closed until:

1. **they are eligible to enroll and**

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2. they complete the enrollment process for group coverage, during the next enrollment period.

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If COBRA coverage was determined to be cost-effective and the individual either dropped COBRA or did not enroll (usually within a 60 day period), the TANF case will remain closed until the last day of the month in which the 60th day falls.

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If the recipient's private individual health plan is determined to be cost effective, and the recipient drops the insurance, discuss the specific circumstances and the action to be taken with your Regional Policy Specialist on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE: Pregnant women may enroll in health plans without pregnancy being considered a pre-existing condition.

For more information on TPL see FMA-307-1.

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